

Municipal Funding Opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) in conjunction with the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Working Group created this document to assist communities with the development of TOD. The document is intended to be used primarily by economic and community development practitioners throughout the northern Illinois region.

Included is a comprehensive directory of funding programs that serve Transit-Oriented Development initiatives in Northeastern Illinois. It includes programs for municipalities, government agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, and other organizations that work to promote Transit-Oriented Development. It should be used by agencies to inform themselves of the various funding opportunities available. Programs are from government agencies as well as philanthropic agencies and financial institutions are included. This guide has been organized by Sources, Agencies, Program Description, and Eligibility.

The majority of information in this guide was compiled from various website sources. Special acknowledgement is given to CMAP's Community and Economic Development Funding Resource Guide. For more information on the contents in this directory or on how RTA is involved in Transit-Oriented Development please visit our website at www.rtachicago.com/plans-programs.



Northeastern Illinois

Agency	Program	Purpose	Program Description	Eligibility / Funding Range	Website
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) & TAP Program	Transportation - Capital and Operating	This grant program provides funding for projects that improve air quality, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities or projects promoting greater transit ridership, including new additional commuter parking. These are federal funds administered locally by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and applications are submitted to CMAP yearly, with competition for funds only within the 6-county region.	Transportation agencies, counties, municipalities, townships, park districts, forest preserve districts, local unit of government, and library districts. Project proposals from the public and private sector are welcome, however private sector applicants must have a sponsor approved by CMAP. / Varies	http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)	Local Technical Assistance Program	Planning	CMAP received Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant funds from HUD to implement their GOTO 2040 Plan. Some of these federal grant funds are being used for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program. The LTA Program provides both staff assistance and grants for planning-related services targeted to local governments and nonprofit organizations. Assistance is provided directly to individual communities, in addition to local training and coordination initiatives.	Project must be located in the CMAP planning region. Visit CMAP's website for detailed information. / Varies	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs/LTA
CMAP / IDOT	Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Transportation - Capital	This grant program provides funding for road projects that improve public transportation or bicycle and pedestrian facilities. It is administered locally by CMAP, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Council of Mayors. Applications are submitted to the local Council of Mayors, with competition for funds only among the other members of that council. These are federal funds administered locally by CMAP.	Contact your CMAP Planning Liaison for more information. / Varies	https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/committees/advisory/council-of-mayors/stp
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	Community Planning Program	Planning	The RTA's Community Planning program provides funding as well as technical assistance to applicants for implementation and planning projects that benefit the community and the regional transit system. A call for projects is typically issued in the spring of each year, followed by awards made in the fall. Eligible projects include transit-oriented development (TOD) plans, transit corridor plans, TOD zoning code updates, TOD developer discussion panels, transit neighborhood mobility improvement plans, plans to develop special funding districts in transit areas, and other innovative implementation approaches.	Municipalities located within the RTA six-county service region are eligible to apply. Match rates range from 5%-20% for larger projects. A local match may not be required for some small scale implementation projects. / Varies	http://rtachicago.org/cp
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	Access to Transit Program	Transportation - Capital	The Access to Transit Improvement Program funds small-scale projects that increase pedestrian and bicycle access to the regional transit system. The program leverages federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds, RTA, and local funding sources to implement recommendations contained in studies completed through the RTA's Community Planning program or CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Once selected into the Access to Transit Improvement Program individual project applications are bundled into one CMAQ application. RTA staff will assist individual project applicants in developing information required for the CMAQ application process. Please note that funding for the program is contingent upon RTA-supported projects being accepted into the CMAQ program and RTA Board approval of matching funds.	Small-scale capital improvements that increase ridership and improve access to existing transit stations, stops and services. Projects are ready if the planning work is complete and the project can initiate or finish Phase I Engineering (if needed) by the time of application to the program. Applicants must demonstrate commitment from local staff and elected officials regarding the project. / Varies requires match	http://www.rtachicago.com/a2t

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Regional Transportation Authority	Section 5310	Transportation - Capital and Operational	<p>The Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, funded by the Federal Transit Administration, is a program designed to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. Eligible projects include those that are planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable. It may also be used for public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended (ADA) that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit, and for alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.</p>	Private Non-profit Organizations, or Public and Private Operators of Public Transportation Services / Varies requires match	<p>https://www.rtachicago.org/plans-programs/programs-and-projects/section-5310-enhanced-mobility-seniors-and-individuals</p>

State of Illinois

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Illinois EPA & Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal	Underground Storage Tank Fund	Brownfield	This fund assists with the cleanup of contamination from underground storage tanks.	Various / Varies	https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/cleanup-programs/lust/publications-regs/Pages/introduction.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Workforce Development Initiatives, grants, etc.	Workforce Development	Program provides various funding and training opportunities to retain and improve Illinois workforce.	Various / Varies	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/WorkforceDevelopment/Pages/default.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Housing Rehabilitation	Municipal Housing Rehabilitation	Provides grants to local governments to upgrade housing stock in order to provide safe and sanitary living conditions for low-to-moderate income residents.	Units of general local government may apply for funding. Funds up to \$500,000 can be requested.	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/HousingAssistance/HousingRehab/Pages/default.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Economic Development For a Growing Economy Tax Credit Program (EDGE)	Business Tax Incentive	The EDGE program is designed to offer a special tax incentive to encourage companies to locate or expand operations in Illinois when there is active consideration of a competing location in another State. The program can provide tax credits to qualifying companies, equal to the amount of state income taxes withheld from the salaries of employees in the newly created jobs. The non-refundable credits can be used against corporate income taxes to be paid over a period not to exceed 10 years.	To qualify a company must provide documentation that attests to the fact of competition among a competing state, and agree to make an investment of at least \$5 million in capital improvements and create a minimum of 25 new full time jobs in Illinois. For a company with 100 or fewer employees, the company must agree to make a capital investment of \$1million and create at least 5 new full time jobs in Illinois. / Varies	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/Pages/EDGE.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	High Impact Business (HIB)	Business Tax Incentive	The HIB program is designed to encourage large-scale economic Development activities, by providing tax incentives (similar to those offered within an enterprise zone) to companies that propose to make a substantial capital investment in operations.	\$12 million investment: 500 retained or \$30 million and 1200 jobs retained / Investment tax credit, state sales tax, utility tax exempt businesses	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/Pages/HighImpactBusinessProgram.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Community Service Block Grant Loan Program (CSBG)	Business - Financing	This loan program provides financing for new or expanding small businesses.	Small Businesses in Illinois /CSBG funds usually make up between 20-49% of the entire loan project and have a low interest rate of 5% to 7.5%.	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/HousingAssistance/CSBG/Pages/default.aspx
Illinois Department of Transportation	Grants	Capital Infrastructure and Planning	IDOT has several programs that provide state assistance in improving highway and rail access improvements to new or expanding industrial, distribution or tourism developments. The focus of these programs is the retention and creation of Illinois jobs. Funding may be available for transportation improvement projects related to facilities that provide direct access to economic development projects. Projects providing access to retail establishments, office parks, government facilities or school/universities are not eligible	Local government or state agency / Varies - Funds are allocated on a discretionary basis. Average \$720,000	http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/economic-development-program

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Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program	Bike Trail - Capital	This grant program provides funding for bike trail construction and renovation.	Unit of local government with statutory authority to provide lands for public bicycle path purposes i.e. counties, townships, municipalities, park districts, conservation districts and forest preserve districts. / Varies	http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/AEG/Pages/BikePathProgram.aspx
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Recreational Trails Program	Trail - Capital	This grant program provides funding for recreational trail construction and renovation.	Local government or state agency / Varies - Funds are allocated on a discretionary basis.	http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/AEG/Pages/FederalRecreationalTrailsProgram.aspx
Illinois Housing Development Authority	Housing Trust Fund	Housing - Construction	<p>Projects eligible for consideration include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing * New construction (single family and multifamily) * Adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings * Special housing needs for the: mentally ill, developmentally disabled, elderly, physically disabled, single-parent families * Technical Assistance (for non-profit organizations only) 	<p>Not-for-profits and for-profit corporations as well as units of local government may seek Trust Fund dollars. Individual citizens are not eligible for Trust Fund financing. / The maximum award from the Trust Fund for a project is typically \$750,000. Sponsors are generally limited to applying for up to \$1.5 million in any 12-month period.</p>	https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/047/04700360sections.html

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Economic Development Administration	Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	Technical, Planning and Infrastructure Assistance	Economic Adjustment Assistance investments are intended to enhance a distressed community's ability to compete economically by stimulating private investment in targeted areas.	State, city, county, institution of higher education, for and non profits, Indian tribes / Matching Grant of up to 50%	https://www.eda.gov/pdf/about/Economic-Adjustment-Assistance-Program-1-Pager.pdf
Economic Development Administration	Economic Development Support for Planning	Planning	Intended to strengthen economic development planning capacity and establish comprehensive economic development strategies designed to reduce unemployment and increase incomes.	States, Cities, (and other municipal units), Indian Tribes, Higher Education, Not-for profit / \$8000-\$750,000 Average reward \$62,000	http://www.federalgrantswire.com/economic-developmentsupport-for-planning-organizations.html
Economic Development Administration	Economic Development Technical Assistance	Business and Development - Technical Assistance	EDA oversees three technical assistance programs (National, Local and University Center) that promote economic development and alleviate unemployment, underemployment, and out-migration in distressed regions.	State, Cities, (other municipalities), Higher Education, Not-for Profits / Matching up 50%	http://www.federalgrantswire.com/economic-developmenttechnical-assistance.html
Environmental Protection Agency	Brownfields - Various	Brownfield: Cleanup & Assessment	Assessment: provide funding for inventory, characterize, assess and conduct planning and community involvement; Cleanup: provides funding to carry out cleanup activities; Cleanup Revolving Loan Program: a revolving low-interest loan to provide municipalities and private sector funds for environmental cleanup of Brownfield sites (limited to having hazardous materials that pose threat to public health)	State, local, tribal governments. Assessment: up to \$200,000 or exceptions to grant \$350,000; Cleanup: up to \$200,000 (also non-profit); Revolving Loan: up to \$1,000,000 (also land clearance authorities, quasi governmental entities);	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)	Various	The NADTC invests in community solutions focused on increasing accessible transportation options as the critical link to employment, health care and other needed community services for older adults and people with disabilities. Community grants will target areas with high need and limited resources. Selected projects will strengthen connections between transit and human services transportation programs, build bridges between transportation and community programs that support community living, and identify strategies for better utilization of Section 5310 and other Federal, state and local funding opportunities to improve transportation access.	Varies	https://www.nadtc.org/grants-funding/nadtc-grant-opportunities/
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)	Various	The NADTC invests in community solutions focused on increasing accessible transportation options as the critical link to employment, health care and other needed community services for older adults and people with disabilities. Community grants will target areas with high need and limited resources. Selected projects will strengthen connections between transit and human services transportation programs, build bridges between transportation and community programs that support community living, and identify strategies for better utilization of Section 5310 and other Federal, state and local funding opportunities to improve transportation access.	Varies	https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/grants/
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Initiatives	Transportation	Since the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) was established through Executive Order 13330—Human Service Transportation Coordination in 2004, the CCAM has undertaken a variety of interagency efforts to improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation, including: United We Ride (2004), Mobility Services for All Americans (2005), Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative (2011), and Transit & Health Access Initiative (formerly Rides to Wellness, 2016).	Varies	https://www.transit.dot.gov/ccam/about/initiatives

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Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI)	Transportation	The Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration program's primary purpose is to fund projects that demonstrate innovative, effective approaches, practices, partnerships, and technologies to enhance public transportation effectiveness, increase efficiency, expand quality, promote safety, and improve the traveler's experience. This NOFO integrates three distinct areas of inquiry: Mobility on Demand (MOD) and Sandbox demonstrations; FTA's Strategic Transit Automation Research (STAR); and Mobility Payment Integration (MPI) to allow applicants to comprehensively plan multiple areas of mobility research.	Providers of public transportation, including public transportation agencies, state/local government DOTs, and federally recognized Indian tribes.	https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/integrated-mobility-innovation-demonstration-program-notice-funding
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	US Department of Transportation	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grants	The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$7.1 billion for ten rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.	Varies - state & local partners	https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	US Department of Transportation	Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox Program	FTA's MOD Sandbox Demonstration Program provides a venue through which integrated MOD concepts and solutions – supported through local partnerships – are demonstrated in real-world settings. FTA seeks to fund project teams to innovate, explore partnerships, develop new business models, integrate transit and MOD solutions, and investigate new, enabling technical capabilities such as integrated payment systems, decision support, and incentives for traveler choices. Eligible activities include all activities leading to the demonstration of the innovative MOD and transit integration concept, such as planning and developing business models, obtaining equipment and service, acquiring/developing software and hardware interfaces to implement the project, and operating the demonstration.	Eligible recipients are providers of public transportation, including public transit agencies, state/local government DOTs, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Each recipient must identify one or more strategic project partner(s) with a substantial interest and involvement in the project.	https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/mobility-demand-mod-sandbox-program
National Park Service	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program	Historic - Tax Incentives	Tax incentives are available for the rehabilitation of income-producing certified historic structures.	Property owners of historical properties / 20% Tax Credit	http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm
U.S. Department of Energy	Business Credit of Energy-Efficient New Homes	Housing / Environmental - Financing	This tax credit benefits contractors who construct new energy-efficient homes that reduce annual energy consumption by 50%.	Businesses, Utilities, and Governments / Varies depending on type of structure and type of improvement	http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm
U.S. Department of Energy	Database of Incentives/Policies for Renewables & Efficiency	Energy Efficiency Business and Public Sector Improvements	Extensive database of Incentives energy efficiency grants and assistance programs at the state, federal, and local levels.	Varies / Varies	http://www.dsireusa.org/
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Empowerment Zone Employment Credit	Business/ Housing - Tax Credit	Credit against Federal taxes up to \$3,000 for businesses for each year of Empowerment Zone designation for every employee who lives and works in the Empowerment Zone. Business must be located in an Empowerment Zone.	Businesses, Must be in empowerment zone / Credit against taxes up \$3,000	https://www.hud.gov/hudprograms/empowerment-zones https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8844
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Low Income Housing Tax Credits	Housing - Financial Assistance	The LIHTC program gives State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies the equivalent of nearly \$5 billion in annual budget authority to issue tax credits for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households.	State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies / Varies but projects are traditionally large in scale	https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/lihtc.html

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US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Section 108 Loan Guarantee	Business - Financing	Section 108 is the loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Section 108 provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.	Urban areas and Metropolitan Counties / Varies by size of project	https://www.hudexchange.info/section-108/
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Hope VI Main Street Grants	Housing - Capital	This grant program provides financing assistance for affordable housing in conjunction with the revitalization of downtown business districts.	Units of General Local Government / Varies	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6/grants/mainstreet
US Department of Transportation	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)	Transportation	Provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives.	Units of General Local Government / Varies	http://www.dot.gov/tiger
U.S. Department of the Treasury	Community Development Financial Institutions Fund - Capital Magnet Fund	Economic Development	Provides competitively awarded grants to CDFIs and qualified nonprofit housing organizations to finance affordable housing and related community development projects.	CDFIs and qualified nonprofit housing / Varies	https://www.cdfifund.gov/Pages/default.aspx
U.S. Department of the Treasury	New Market Tax Credits	Housing - Financial Assistance	The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs).	Must be certified as a CDE by the Fund (Information about becoming a CDE are documented on the website) / Up to \$5,000,000	https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/new-markets-tax-credit/Pages/default.aspx
U.S. Department of the Treasury	Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC)	Business/ Housing - Tax Credit	Businesses can take a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for each 18-39 year-old new employee who lives in an EZ.	Businesses that hire 18-39 year old employees that live in an EZ / Up to \$2,400	http://www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/

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Local Municipalities	Community Development Tax Increment Financing & Enterprise Zone	Community Development Financing	The established TIF district and enterprise zone can assist with business development through tax credits, exemptions and deductions.	Municipalities / Varies	Various Municipal Websites
Local Municipalities	Special Service Areas	Community Development Financing	A Special Service Area (SSA) is a taxing mechanism that can be used to fund a wide range of special or additional services and/or physical improvements in a defined geographic area within a municipality or jurisdiction. This type of district allows local governments to establish such areas without incurring debt or levying a tax on the entire municipality.	Municipalities / Varies	Various Municipal Websites
Local Municipalities	Business Improvement Districts	Business Financing	A business improvement district (BID) is a public-private partnership in which businesses in a defined area pay an additional tax or fee in order to fund improvements within the district's boundaries. BIDs may go by other names, such as business improvement area, business revitalization zone, community improvement district, special services area, or special improvement district. BIDs provide services, such as cleaning streets, providing security, making capital improvements, and marketing the area. The services provided by BIDs are supplemental to those already provided by the municipality.	Municipalities / Varies	Various Municipal Websites
Local Municipalities	Enterprise Zone Programs	Business Tax Incentive	Businesses located or expanding in an Illinois enterprise zone may be eligible for the following tax incentives: exemption on retailers' occupation tax paid on building materials; investment tax credit of 0.5% of qualified property; state sales tax exemptions on purchases of personal property used or consumed in the manufacturing process or in the operation of a pollution control facility; exemption on the state utility tax for electricity and natural gas and exemptions on the Illinois Commerce Commission's administrative charge and telecommunication excise tax. Exemptions are also available for companies that make minimum statutory investments that either create or retain a certain number of jobs. Additional local tax exemptions may also be available.	Exemptions require a business to make application to, and be certified by, the Illinois Department of Commerce. Municipalities / Varies	https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/ExpandRelocate/Incentives/taxassistance/Pages/EnterpriseZone.aspx
City of Chicago	Neighborhood Opportunity Fund	Various	The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund generates revenue from downtown developments to finance commercial and cultural projects in our neighborhoods lacking private investment. For all Neighborhood Opportunity Fund projects, costs that can be funded by grants must generally be related to new construction or the rehabilitation of existing buildings.	Various	https://neighborhoodopportunityfund.com/about/#who-we-fund
City of Chicago	Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF)	Business Improvement/ Energy Efficiency - Capital	The Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) program uses Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties within specific TIF districts to repair or remodel their facilities for their own business or on behalf of tenants.	The SBIF grants can cover up to half of the costs of upgrades and are reimbursed to the applicant after the work is completed and expenses paid-up to a maximum of \$150,000. Requirements: industrial tenants must have a maximum of 100 full-time employees; reimbursement for commercial tenants is based on annual sales; eligibility for property owners is based on net worth and liquidity; eligibility for owner-occupied commercial small business or not-for-profit organizations is based on net worth, liquidity and annual sales.	http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/small_business_improvementfundsbf.html

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Counties	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Community Development Financing	Funding program with dollars allocated locally or at county level. The CDBG program encourages applicants to use funds help develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Contact your local county's planning department for specific information.	Municipalities 50k-200k annual grants / Formula set by HUD determines need. Ultimate range varies	https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	Invest in Cook	Transportation - Capital	A program to cover the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering right-of-way acquisition, and construction associated with transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners. The Invest in Cook program seeks applications that: prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives; support the region's role as north america's freight capital; promote equal access to opportunities; maintain and modernize what already exists; and increase investments in transportation.	Eligible project proposals: multimodal, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, roadway and bridge improvement projects, as well as new technologies and policies. Eligible applicants include: local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for transportation or recreational trails within Cook County, and private for-profit or non-profit organizations (but must partner with a public sponsor). / Varies	https://www.cookcountyl.gov/investincook
Cook County Bureau of Economic Development	Various	Housing and Economic Development - Capital, Planning, and Operating	Various programs including BUILT in Cook Loan Fund, Emerging Business Development Loan Fund, BUILT 50-40 Loan Program, Tax Incentives, Industrial Development Revenue Bond Program, No Cash Bid Program, Business Incentives	Various/ Varies	https://www.cookcountyl.gov/service/economic-development-division
DuPage County Community Development Commission Grant Programs	Various	Housing and Economic Development	Information regarding county grant initiatives and transportation-related capital funding programs. See Neighborhood Investment, Community-Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvements, and Planning Projects category.	Eligible activities include infrastructure construction, reconstruction, or installation of streets, alleys, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, streetlights, signs, traffic signals, street furniture, trees, accessibility improvements, water and sewers. Various/ Varies	http://www.dupageco.org/cdc/
Kane County	Various	Housing and Economic Development	Kane County administers several important programs to assist our cities, villages, and residents. These programs cover a variety of areas in which the County strategically invests a significant amount of money to create better benefit to both the community and those that call Kane County "home". These programs include; Riverboat Fund Program, Community Development Fund, Rental Housing Development Program, and Small Cities Grant Program.	Each grant program has specific guidelines and procedures. Various/ Varies	http://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/kcci.aspx
Lake County Community Development Division	Various	Housing and Economic Development	Lake County administers federal funds available from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist low-income persons. Funds can be used for the following activities: Public Infrastructure (sewers, roads, etc.) improvements, Affordable Housing development and rehabilitation, Public Service activities, assisting human service organizations, and Homeless Assistance	Various/ Varies	http://www.lakecountyl.gov/1894/Community-Development

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McHenry County Planning/Community Development Department and Programs	Various	Housing and Economic Development	Administers various US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs including: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Housing Investment Partnership (HOME) grant, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).	Various/ Varies	https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-j-z/planning-development/community-development
Will County Community Development Division	Various	Housing and Economic Development	Various grant programs including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Project, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).	Various/ Varies	https://www.willcountyillinois.com/County-Offices/Economic-Development/Land-Use/Community-Development/Grant-Programs

Private Foundation

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AARP	Community Challenge Grant	Community Development Financing	The AARP Community Challenge grant program is part of the nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jumpstart long-term progress in support of residents of all ages.	The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.	https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.html
Alcoa Foundation	Alcoa Foundation	Various	Majority of their grants fit within one of the following areas: Conservation and Sustainability; Safe and Healthy Children and Families; Global Education in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Business; Business and Community Partnerships, and Workforce Skills Today for Tomorrow.	Alcoa Foundation gives priority consideration to programs and organizations in or near communities where Alcoa has a presence. The grants given out are by invitation only. / \$21 million in grants around the world	https://www.alcoa.com/foundation/en/partnerships/programs/grants.asp
American Institute of Architects	Sustainable Design Assessment Teams (SDAT)	Planning	The SDAT program is a community assistance program that focuses on the principles of sustainability. SDATs bring teams of volunteer professionals (such as architects, urban designers, landscape architects, planners, hydrologists, economists, attorneys, and others) to work with community decision-makers and stakeholders to help them develop a vision and framework for a sustainable future.	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425?dvid=81&spec=AIAS075425
Annenberg Foundation	Civic and Community Grants	Various	Education and youth development; arts, culture and humanities; civic and community life; health and human services; and animal services and the environment.	Communities and Non-Profits / Varies	https://www.annenberg.org/what-we-do/grantmaking
Bank of America Foundation	Bank of America Foundation Grant Program aimed at improving local communities	Various	To be a catalyst by investing in community catalysts to ensure economic vibrancy and growth. In fact, more than 85% of our total philanthropic spend directly impacts local communities. In addition to our general community funding priorities of Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, and Health and Human Services, our local market presidents and their local community leaders also support Environment and Youth Development programs.	Non profits (501c(3) status) - National and Targeted Chicago and Southern Illinois Markets / 1.5 billion 10 year giving goal started in 2004	http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation
Bikes Belong	People for Bikes (promoting bicycle usage)	Bicycle	Putting more people on bicycles more often. Fundable projects include paved bike paths and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.	Nonprofit organizations whose missions are bicycle and/or trail specific. Also accept applications from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels; municipalities must partner with a local bicycle advocacy. / Applicants can request up to \$10,000 each.	http://www.peopleforbikes.org/
Blue Moves LLC. & Degree Deodorant	Made to Move	Transportation	Made to Move is a competitive funding opportunity created to assist communities in advancing active transportation through local project development, implementation and supporting policies. With the ultimate goal of promoting more walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly environments for all ages, incomes and abilities, this funding opportunity will be awarded to five mid-sized communities in the United States. Each community will receive \$100,000 plus technical assistance from the Blue Zones, LLC, built environment team.	This funding opportunity is open to all non-profit groups—agencies, companies and local and regional governments—serving, and located in, communities of this size.	https://www.bluezones.com/made-to-move/
Center for Community Progress	National Vacant Properties Campaign	Technical Assistance	National Vacant Properties Campaign is a collaboration of four leading national organizations, Smart Growth America (SGA), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the International City and County Management Association (ICMA), and the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech (MI). NVPC is leveraging the expertise of partners, practitioners, and national experts to offer a range of training and technical assistance services to communities seeking to improve state and local systems for revitalizing vacant and abandoned properties.	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	http://www.communityprogress.net/
Citi Group	Citi Foundation	Various	Citi Foundation supports Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) serving small businesses owned by people of color and low- and moderate-income individuals and communities.	Applicants must be certified CDFI, have 501(c)(3) status, have 3 years of audited financial statements, demonstrate strong financial health and sound governance / Up to \$500,000	https://www.citigroup.com/citi/foundation/programs/cdfi/data/CDFI_faqs.pdf?ieNoCache=872

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Enterprise Foundation	Green Communities Planning and Construction Grants	Green Housing - Planning and Capital	Green Communities is a five-year, \$550 million initiative developed through a partnership between the Enterprise Foundation/Enterprise Social Investment Corporation and the Natural Resources Defense Council to ensure smarter, healthier homes for Americans with limited incomes. The goal of the Initiative is to transform the way communities think about, design, and build affordable homes. The Initiative offers grants to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing projects, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. Capital funding opportunities are also available.	The Initiative will provide financing, grants, and technical assistance to developers to build more than 8,500 rental and for-sale homes that promote health, conserve energy, and natural resources, and enhance access to jobs, schools, and services. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. / Varies	http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/solutions-and-innovation/enterprise-green-communities
Safe Kids	Child Safety	Various	Safe Kids is a global nonprofit that works to protect kids from preventable injuries. Their goal, in conjunction with their partners, is to educate families, raise awareness, create safer environments and advocate for improved laws to protect children. Safe Kids hosts events in communities to promote child safety while educating the community for: carseat checkups, workshops on pedestrian safety and how to stay safe while walking from home to school, "bike rodeos" to teach people how to ride safely, sports safety clinics, and safety classes for expecting moms. Safe Kids also posts grants to their website from their sponsors that support their mission.	Varies	https://safekids.org/
Ford Foundation	Ford Foundation	Various	Types of support include grants, recoverable grants, loans and loan guarantees. Issue Areas: Democratic and Accountable Government ,Peace and Social Justice, Human Rights, Social Justice Philanthropy, Economic Fairness and Opportunity, Asset Building and Community Development, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, Access to Education, Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom, Freedom of Expression, Sexuality and Reproductive Health and Rights	501(c)3, Government Agencies, Universities and more / Funding amount varies based on project	http://www.fordfound.org/
Funder's Network	Partners for Places	Various	A successful matching grant program, Partners for Places creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. National funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being of all residents. Through these projects, Partners for Places fosters long-term relationships that make our urban areas more prosperous, livable, and vibrant. The grant program will provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one year projects, or \$50,000 and \$100,000 for two year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations.	The proposal must consist of a team of these partners: (1) the sustainability director of a city or a county for general applicants, OR a water director of a city, county, or utility (for green infrastructure applicants; and (2) one or more local or regional place-based foundations.	https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/
Grand Victoria Foundation	Core Program	Economic Development and Environment	Highest priority is given to efforts that focus on long-term solutions; are multidisciplinary and collaborative; that effectively address barriers of race and class, promote civic engagement, and attract additional investment. Grand Victoria is interested in programs that strengthen and build the fields of practice the foundation supports; help identify emerging trends; and/or test new ways to solve persistent problems in those fields. Core areas include Economic Development, Education and Environment.	To be considered for funding, an organization must be registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. They support organizations in Illinois whose work is a strong fit with their guidelines and strategies.	http://www.grandvictoriafdn.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=89
Home Depot	Community Impacts Grant Program	Various	Grants are for community improvement projects that include activities such as construction or refurbishment of affordable or transitional housing, building, rebuilding, painting, refurbishing, increasing energy efficiency or sustainability, landscaping, planting of native trees, community facility improvements, and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the United States. Grant has been closed for the remainder of 2020 (as of April 27, 2020) to focus resources on immediate needs of their national nonprofit partners.	Only registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, tax-exempt public schools, and tax-exempt public agencies in the U.S. are eligible to apply. / Awards grants of up to \$5,000 Grants are made in the form of the Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials.	https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants
IL Clean Energy Foundation	Various	Environment, Structure	The Foundation funds projects in three core program areas: improving energy efficiency, developing renewable energy resources, and preserving and enhancing natural areas and wildlife habitat throughout Illinois.	Funding to federally recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and state and local government agencies serving Illinois residents. / Varies	www.illinoiscleanenergy.org

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JPMorgan Chase Bank	Various	Community Development Financing	As the economy recovers, much of the growth is often channeled toward reviving commercial corridors and downtowns in U.S. cities. As a result, many disadvantaged neighborhoods are being left behind. In order to help alleviate this challenge, JPMorgan Chase offers grants to help communities in need of help. A variety of grants are available through their website.	The private foundations administered by JPMorgan fund only charitable, nonprofit organizations as defined by section 501(c)3 of the IRS tax code.	https://www.jpmorgan.com/country/US/en/jpmorgan/private-banking/foundations/online-grant-application/guidelines-to-apply
Kaboom Playground Opportunities	Kaboom Playground Opportunities	Park - Playground Equipment	Work with communities to build new safe playgrounds.	Ideal Community Partners are usually child-serving, non-profit organizations but could be community development organizations, neighborhood coalitions, charter schools, or any organization that can mobilize a volunteer force and is in need of a playground. / Varies but require a substantial amount of public participating and some funding from communities	https://kaboom.org/grants
Kresge Foundation	Community Development	Community Development, Infrastructure and Environment	Support the capital needs of community development organizations working in rural, urban and older-suburban neighborhoods to enhance grassroots participation, resident empowerment, physical revitalization, neighborhood cohesion, wealth-building, housing, and, in some cases, youth opportunity.	Government entities, 501(c)3 organizations that are not classified as private foundations and more / Varies	http://kresge.org/social-investment/community-development-trust
Local Government Commission	Services	Technical Assistance	The non-profit Local Government Commission provides customized, fee-based technical assistance to communities through contract planning and design services. The LGC staff has expertise in planning, public participation, visioning, renewable energy resources and development of livable communities. Technical assistance is offered in three broad categories: Educational Services, Participatory Planning and Visioning, Policy Development Assistance	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	http://www.lgc.org/what-we-do/services
Metropolitan Life Foundation	Metropolitan Life Foundation	Various	Supporting various educational, health and welfare, and civic and cultural organizations. Their goals are to strengthen communities, promote good health and improve education. The Foundation makes grants nationally in the areas of health, education, culture, civic affairs, and social investment programs.	501(c)3; organization has financial success and health / In 2016, the MetLife Foundation made USD 43 million in contributions, with 70 percent going to financial inclusion grants. Focus areas in 2016 included: Community development, housing, financial inclusion, and the environment.	https://www.metlife.com/metlife-foundation/index.html
National Association of Realtors (NAR)	Smart Growth Action Grants	Planning, Policy, Community Organization	NAR's Smart Growth Action Grant program is available to support your efforts to implement programs and activities that position REALTORS as leaders in improving their communities by advancing smart growth. NAR's Smart Growth Action Grants are intended to help your association and members initiate and sustain an active role in bringing smart growth development principles to your community.	Municipalities and home owner associations / Maximum of \$5,000 per year	http://www.realtoractioncenter.com/for-associations/smartgrowth/smart-growth-action-grants.html
The Oak Hill Fund	Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Design program	Planning	The Oak Hill Fund provides support to national, regional, and local organizations through several grant making programs. The Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Design program promotes the incorporation of the principles of sustainable development into the design of affordable construction, with a primary focus on residential housing.	Requests are accepted from throughout the U.S. The Application Process begins with a Letter of Inquiry submitted through their online system. Only 501(c)3 status organizations can apply. / Various	http://www.oakhillfund.org/

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Community Heart and Soul	Community Vitality	Planning and Consensus Building	As a focus of the Orton Family Foundation, Community Heart and Soul works to engage the community they are working in to shape its future. They have a tested four-phase process that includes imagining what the given community wants to look like, connecting with stakeholders and citizens, planning for this community, and finally acting to set the community on the right track to become the community it imagines itself to be. Their partnership with communities lasts 2 years to ensure each phase is developed fully.	Communities with population less than 50,000	https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/
Project for Public Spaces (PPS)	Project for Public Spaces (PPS)	Planning and Research	PPS is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining public places that build communities. PPS provides technical assistance, education, and research through programs in parks, plazas and central squares; buildings and civic architecture; transportation and public markets.	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	http://www.pps.org
Public Welfare Foundation	Public Welfare Foundation	Various	Funding is focused in eight program areas: criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly, disadvantaged youth, environment, health, population and reproductive health, community economic development and participation, and human rights and global security.	501(c)3 / Varies	http://www.publicwelfare.org/
Rails to Trails Conservancy	Lists a myriad of funding sources	Bike Ped	Organization lists a large variety of state, federal, and foundation grants for funding trails.	Varies depending on grant source / Varies depending on source and program.	http://www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailbuilding/technicalassistance/toolbox/20080710_funding_financing.html
Rails to Trails Conservancy	Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund	Multiuse Trails	This fund supports organizations and local governments that want to or are implementing projects to build or improve multiuse trails.	Varies; total of \$85,000 given out each year	https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/grants/doppelt
Rockefeller Foundation	Various programs, including environment, transportation, urban development	Various	A focus area is: Addressing the risks of accelerating urbanization - shaping efforts in planning, finance, infrastructure, and governance to manage a world in which, for the first time in history, more people live in urban communities than rural ones.	Open - submit ideas / Varies	https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/grants/
US Green Building Council	Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant Program	Housing - Green Buildings	With support from the Bank of America Foundation, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is offering a grant program that recognizes affordable housing developers who are committed to building sustainable communities. The Affordable Green Neighborhoods Grant Program awards grants and provide educational resources to affordable housing developers and related public agencies who choose to pursue LEED for Neighborhood Development certification. Preference will be given to qualifying projects that meet additional goals, including the redevelopment of infill and previously developed sites, effort to strengthen the surrounding neighborhoods, commitment to engage stakeholders in the development process, and the provision of green housing for a range of income levels.	Affordable housing developers and related public agencies who choose to pursue LEED for Neighborhood Development certification. / A cash award of approximately \$25,000, which may be used to pursue LEED-ND certification and many other extras.	https://www.usgbc.org/articles/apply-2020-leed-cities-and-communities-grant
Wal-Mart Foundation	Wal-mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Programs	Various	Supports programs and initiatives in four main areas of focus: Local Giving in the U.S., Associate Engagement, Local Giving Around the World, and Northwest Arkansas Giving.	Municipalities, Schools, Non-Profits, Churches / Varies	https://walmart.org/what-we-do/strengthening-communities/local-giving